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Applicant: Pan, et al.
Appl. No.: 10/561,014
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Title: ISOFORMS OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE
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Pub. No.: US 2007/0281887 A1
Pub. Date: December 6, 2007

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 received on January 5, 2009, for the above-identified application because the front page of the application publication published without the name of one of the inventors, which is being treated as a request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b),

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is DISMISSED.

The request for corrected publication is DISMISSED.

Applicant essentially requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the publication wherein one of the inventors "Robert D. Simari" was not included on the front page.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed **within two months** from the date of the patent application publication. **This period is not extendable.**" A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is being treated as a request under 1.221(b), since there is a rule on point.

¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

The request for corrected publication, received on January 5, 2009, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

Moreover, while the omission of an inventor's name on the front page of the publication may be an Office error, it is a not material Office error under 37 CFR 1.221. The omission does not affect the understanding of the application. The mistake does not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, or determine the scope of the patent application publication or determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.

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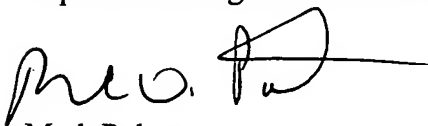
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Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Mark Polutta at (571) 272-7709.



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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182

Inventors Shuchong Pan and Robert D. Simari were listed on the Declaration by Inventors and the Filing Receipt (copies attached). Applicants note, however, that when the above-referenced application published on December 6, 2007, inventor Robert D. Simari was not listed as an inventor on the face of the published application.

Please apply the required fee of \$400 and any other charges or credits to deposit account no. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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